

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

I. General Remarks and Disposition of the Claims

Claims 62-81 are pending.

Claims 72-81 have been cancelled herein.

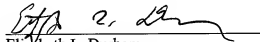
The Examiner has designated the remaining claims, specifically claims 62-71, as drawn to allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully request a notice of allowance of the same.

SUMMARY

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone, facsimile, or electronic mail.

Applicants believe that there are no fees due in association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, Applicants respectfully request that the Commissioner accept this as a Petition Therefor, and direct that any additional fees be charged to Baker Botts L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 02-0383, Order Number 063718.0190.

Respectfully submitted,



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